

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

On page 14, fourth full paragraph, please amend to read as follows:

According to such a configuration the combustion gas discharged through a plurality of gas outlets included in the heat exchanging means is discharged after having [[flowed]] flowed into the gas-inflow space formed between the outlet-forming area where the gas outlet is formed and the gas-discharging member. Thus, the combustion gas discharged through each of the gas outlets is diffused within the gas-inflow space and slowly discharged. Consequently, the heating apparatus having little discharging noise is provided.

On page 18, third full paragraph, please amend to read as follows:

The primary heat exchanger 3 has a water inlet 10 and a water outlet 11, the former being connected to a water outlet 13 of the secondary heat exchanger 7. Water after heat exchange in the secondary heat exchanger 7 ~~is flown~~ flows into the primary heat exchanger 3.

In the paragraph bridging pages 31 and 32, please amend to read as follows:

The primary heat exchangers 105 and 106 have water inlets 118 and 120 and water outlets 121 and 122, respectively, the formers being connected respectively to water outlets 131 and 131 of the secondary heat exchangers 112 and 113. [[Waters]] Water after heat exchange in the secondary heat exchangers 112 and 113 ~~are flown~~ flows into the primary heat exchangers 105 and 106, respectively and is further heated.

In the paragraph bridging pages 37 and 38, please amend to read as follows:

The combustion gas having passed through the primary heat exchanger 105 meets in the meeting portion 143 of the connecting member 140, passing through the opening 148 of the connecting portion 146 and the gas inlet 136, flowing into the secondary heat exchanger 113. The combustion gas having [[flown]] flowed into the secondary heat exchanger 113 is made to deflect its flow direction in a direction along the heat receiving tubes 125 by the deflector 137 facing to the gas inlet 136, as indicated by arrows in Fig. 15A. Then, the combustion gas comes up against an inner wall of the casing 126 adjacent to the header 127, so that the flow is deflected again, flowing toward the gas outlet 133. Therefore, the combustion gas having [[flown]] flowed into the casing 126 of the secondary heat exchanger 112 is retained in the casing 126 for a long period of time, with fully diffused in internal spaces of the casing 126, and discharged after a surface contact with the entire surface of each of the heat receiving tubes 125.

On page 38, second full paragraph, please amend to read as follows:

The combustion gas having [[flown]] flowed in the meeting portion 145 flows in the connecting portion 147 up to the opening 150 of the secondary heat exchanger 112. Then, the combustion gas is introduced into the secondary exchanger 112 through the gas inlet 136 communicating with the opening 150. The combustion gas having [[flown]] flowed into the secondary heat exchanger 112 is made to deflect its flow direction by the deflector 137, flowing in the casing 126 in turning its direction, so as to be fully diffused

in internal spaces of the casing 126. In the meantime, the combustion gas has a surface contact with the entire surface of each of the heat receiving tubes 125 to exchange heat with low-temperature water introduced into the tubes 125 from outside, whereupon its latent heat is transferred to the water in the tubes 125. Thereafter, the combustion gas reaches the gas outlet 133 positioned at the front face 132 of the secondary heat exchanger 112 to be discharged out of the casing 126.

In the paragraph bridging pages 38 and 39, please amend to read as follows:

The combustion gases having [[flown]] flowed in the secondary heat exchangers 112 and 113 to be discharged out of the casings 126 and 126 through the gas outlets 133 and 133 in this way flow into the gas-inflow space 161 between the protruding portion 156 of the gas-discharging member 155 and the outlet-forming area 160 of the latent heat exchanging means 115 and are diffused therein. Thereafter, the gas is discharged outside through the openings 158.

On page 40, second full paragraph, please amend to read as follows:

In the heating apparatus 101, the combustion gas having been discharged from the outlets 133 and 133 of the secondary heat exchangers 112 and 113 is discharged outside through the openings 158 after having ~~been flown~~ flowed into the gas-inflow space 161 and been diffused. Thus, the combustion gas discharged through the openings 158 flows slowly and generates little discharging noise.